

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM, ID  
SUBJECT: ACCELERATED RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES

1. KOPKAMTIB COMMANDER ADMIRAL SUDOMO ANNOUNCED JULY 4 FOLLOWING A CALL ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO THAT THE GOI WILL RELEASE THE 10,000 POLITICAL DETAINEES SCHEDULED TO BE FREED IN 1978 IN THREE STAGES, BEGINNING THIS MONTH WITH THE FIRST GROUP (NUMBERS NOT SPECIFIED). THE OTHER STAGES ARE PLANNED FOR OCTOBER AND DECEMBER. THE RELEASE BY STAGES WILL GREATLY EASE THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN, HE NOTED.

2. SUDOMO TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE 1977 RELEASES HAD GONE SMOOTHLY WITH NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON INTERNAL SECURITY, EXCEPT FOR ONE INCIDENT IN SURABAYA WHERE A RELEASED DETAINEE  
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WAS ARRESTED FOR INCITING A DEMONSTRATION OF BECAK DRIVERS. HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST THE RETURNING EX-DETAINEES TO RE-ENTER SOCIETY, ADDING THAT FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT FIND EMPLOYMENT THE GOVERNMENT HAS PREPARED A RESETTLEMENT CENTER IN KALIMANTAN WHICH ALREADY HAS SOME 300 SETTLERS.

3. COMMENT: THE ANNOUNCEMENT CONFIRMS REPORTED GOI PLANS

TO ACCELERATE THE RELEASE OF THE DETAINEES IN 1978. UNEMPLOYMENT  
CONTINUES TO BE THE MAJOR PROBLEM FACING THE RELEASEES,  
BUT SO FAR RELATIVELY FEW HAVE CHOSEN TO ACCEPT  
THE OFFER OF NEW LAND AT THE RESETTLEMENT CENTERS.  
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